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THE 'COMPLETE LIST' OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY'S STIMULUS PROJECTS

Some projects excluded from County Executive's list

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Chairman of Milwaukee County's Task Force on Economic Stimulus, has released additional stimulus opportunities eligible to Milwaukee County that were not included on the list released last week by the County Executive. Funding areas absent from the County Executive's list include projects related to General Mitchell International Airport, energy efficient upgrades in county facilities, and Byrne State and Local Law Enforcement funding to be split with the City of Milwaukee. Today's news conference was held at the Estabrook Dam, which serves as an example of a public improvement project that put people to work during the 1930's Civilian Conservation Corps program, and could qualify for stimulus dollars today. Supervisor Lipscomb released the following statement after this afternoon's news conference:

"The missing funding areas total more than \$6 million dollars. This illustrates why the County Board had to establish policy to make sure that we are applying for and accepting funding in areas that make sense. For starters, the County Executive's list omits a rather significant \$2.5 million award for General Mitchell International Airport to augment our efforts to improve runway safety areas. Dane County received a smaller award for their airport, but their County Executive and Governor Doyle thought that was important enough to hold a press conference on just that one item. Why didn't we in Milwaukee County hear about this good news on how economic stimulus is benefiting us?

"Milwaukee County was also recently notified that it will receive \$732,000 for Energy Efficiency and Conservation. But you wouldn't know it from the County Executive's list.

Milwaukee County must apply for additional funds to improve many of the more than 600 buildings owned and operated by Milwaukee County.

“\$5.7 Million in Byrne / Justice Assistance Grants will be split between the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County with an additional \$600,000 for the suburban communities in Milwaukee County. County Board estimates show Milwaukee County could receive more than \$2.5 million to fund additional Sheriff patrols, squad cars, community prosecutors in our neighborhoods, and improvements in the courts. These are all valuable investments that will save Milwaukee County taxpayers from paying higher property taxes to fund these items.

“These projects, benefiting Milwaukee County, somehow failed to make it on to the County Executive’s list. This highlights why the County Board has taken such an active interest in the pursuit of economic stimulus funds. We are worried that Milwaukee County will miss some valuable opportunities if we don’t remain vigilant, active, and vocal on this issue.

“Today, the Task Force will convene again at 1 p.m. and, after more than a month of calling for cooperation and a complete accounting of all stimulus opportunities, we have been told by the County Executive’s office that they will fully comply. At our last meeting we provided the Administration with a 69-page list of some opportunities presented by the stimulus bill. It is my sincere hope that this is a new day of cooperation and that together we can move forward with a vision that is in the best interest of Milwaukee County.”

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